

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A weight in combination with a tubular member for anchoring one end of ~~a~~ said tubular member at a desired location in a beverage container containing a liquid beverage, said weight comprising:

a weight body having a passage for insertion of a tubular member therethrough, said passage extending through a length of said weight body and including a first and a second aperture;

wherein a first portion of said passage has ~~an asymmetrical~~ a circumference having a non-circular constriction therein for frictionally gripping a portion of the said tubular member.

2. (Currently Amended) The weight according to claim 1 wherein said portion of said first passage having ~~an asymmetrical circumference~~ said non-circular constriction has a diameter, measured in at least one direction, which is less than a diameter of the tubular member which is to be inserted.

3. (Original) The weight according to claim 1 wherein an area of said weight body proximal said first aperture is beveled inwardly towards said first aperture.

4. (Original) The weight according to claim 3 wherein an area of said weight body proximal said second aperture is beveled inwardly towards said second aperture.

5. (Currently Amended) The weight according to claim 3 wherein said passage has a second portion in which ~~the~~ said circumference is substantially symmetrical.

6. (Currently Amended) The weight according to claim 3 wherein said ~~asymmetrical circumference~~ non-circular constriction is substantially oval in shape.

7. (Original) The weight according to claim 3 wherein at least a portion of said passage is lined with a friction increasing material.

8. (Currently Amended) The weight according to claim 3 wherein said first portion of said passage having an ~~asymmetrical circumference~~ said non-circular constriction has a diameter, measured in at least one direction, which is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.